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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/775,675

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR OPTICAL DETECTION OF  
DEFORMATIONS,  
PARTICULARLY SMALL  
BUBBLES, IN OPTICAL DATA  
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with their duty to disclose under 37 CFR §1.56(a), Applicant and his attorney herewith submit a copy of each document identified on the attached Form PTO-1449, and request that they be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

The German patent Examiner cited DE 19819755 A1, DE 19824623 A1, and GB 2300913 A in a search report corresponding to German Patent Application No. 100 04 889.7 from which priority is claimed.

DE 19819755 A1 discloses the detection of deformations of a surface. The surface is covered with a reflecting coating and the deformation is detected by a reflected laser beam.

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In the event of a deformation, the reflected laser beam cannot expose the light receiving element due to a cover plate.

DE 19824623 A1 and GB 2300913 A were cited as providing background information only.

No corresponding full text English language documents was located for DE 19819755 A1 and DE 19824623 A1. A one page English language abstract is provided for each.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents and to make the same of record in the file of the present application.

In the event that a fee for the Information Disclosure Statement is required, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 08-3040.



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